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JIDDA FOR JAMES KING

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SUBJ: CODEL KENNEDY

REF: A) STATE 112877 B) TEHRAN 4529

1. BASED UPON STATE 109142 WHICH SAID KENNEDY GROUP WISHED TO LEAVE ALL SCHEDULING TO IRANIANS, AND ON ORAL APPROVAL BY JIM KING IN TEHRAN, WE AND GOI ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO SEVERAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM WHICH IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO CHANGE AS SUGGESTED BY REF A. ONE SUCH EVENT IS LUNCH HOSTED BY MINISTER OF COURT ON MAY 26 WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED IF GROUP DOES NOT ARRIVE UNTIL MID-AFTERNOON. WHILE ALAM IS PREPARED CANCEL LUNCH IF ARRIVAL TIME CHANGES OR IF SENATOR WISHES, HIS OFFICE TOLD US TODAY SHAH'S DINNER THAT NIGHT IS NOT YET FIRM. IF IT DROPS FROM SCHEDULE ALAM'S LUNCH WOULD BE ONLY OFFICIAL IRANIAN HOSPITALITY IN CAPITAL. (PRINCESS MAHNAZ' DINNER IS PERSONAL GESTURE BY AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI.) ANOTHER ACTIVITY DIFFICULT TO CANCEL AT THIS POINT WOULD BE AMBASSADOR HELMS' DINNER MAY 29 FOR WHICH INVITATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED TO IRANIAN GUESTS. WORKING BREAKFAST WITH AMBASSADOR MAY 27 APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HE WILL NOT YET HAVE RETURNED FROM

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2. WE BELIEVE SENATOR'S WISHES AS EXPRESSED REF A CAN LARGELY BE MET WITH MINIMUM ANNOYANCE TO IRANIAN HOSTS BY REVISING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

A. MONDAY, MAY 26: PICK UP PARTY BY VEHICLE AT IRAGI FRONTIER (OR IF PERMISSION CAN BE OBTAINED, AT BASRA) BY ABOUT 8:00 AM AND DRIVE IMMEDIATELY TO ABADAN AIRPORT. WHEELS UP BY 9:00 FOR OVERFLIGHT OF GULF AND STRAIT OF HORMOZ. ARRIVE TEHRAN ABOUT 12:30. PROCEED WITH SCHEDULE FOR REST OF DAY AS PROPOSED REF B, INCLUDING ALAM'S LUNCH.

B. TUESDAY, MAY 27: AS SCHEDULED REF B.

C. WEDNESDAY, MAY 28: FOLLOW PROGRAM SUGGESTED REF A THROUGH VISIT TO PERSEPOLIS. THEN RETURN TO AIRPORT AND FLY TO MASHAD, ARRIVING ABOUT 7:00 PM FOR OVERNIGHT STAY AT OMAR KHAYYAM HOTEL. DINNER AND TRADITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT. (FYI: GOVERNOR-GENERAL WILL WISH TO HOST THIS DINNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERSIAN CONCEPT OF HOSPITALITY, BUT BUT THAT WOULD ALSO BE CASE IF PARTY SPENT NIGHT IN SHIRAZ OR ISFAHAN. WE CAN TRY TO STRUCTURE TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT, GUEST LIST, AND DURATION TO SUIT SENATOR'S WISHES.)

D. THURSDAY, MAY 29: 9:00 AM DEPART HOTEL FOR VISIT TO HOLY SHRINE (GOVERNOR-GENERAL CAN ARRANGE FOR ADMISSION OF WOMEN IF THEY WILL WEAR LONG CHADOR); DRIVE TO NISHAPOUR FOR VISIT TO TOMB OF OMAR KHAYYAM; PICNIC LUNCH IN TRADITIONAL GARDEN SETTING; "PEOPLE-EVENT" AS SUGGESTED BY JIM KING; RETURN TO MASHAD; DEPART FOR TEHRAN ABOUT 5:00 PM, ARRIVING 6:00; TO HILDON HOTEL UNTIL DEPARTURE FOR AMBASSADOR'S DINNER SHORTLY AFTER 8:00 PM.

E. FRIDAY, MAY 30: AS SCHEDULED REF B, INCLUDING VISITS TO CROWN JEWELS AND GOLESATN PALACE ON WAY TO AIRPORT. DEPART FOR TEL AVIV 12:30.

3. WE URGE THAT THIS REVISED SCHEDULE BE APPROVED. PLEASE ADVISE BY SATURDAY, MAY 17, IF POSSIBLE.
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